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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PE, CU

SUBJECT: UPI DESPATCH ON CUBANS IN PERU

REFERENCE: A) LIMA 8513 (NOTAL), B) USDAO/SANTIAGO IR

NO. 6 917 0226 76 (NOTAL)

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3. SOURCE OF STORY REGARDING CUBANS UNKNOWN HERE.

4. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF ALLEGATION THAT US INTELLIGENCE HAVE BEEN ASKED NOT TO COMMENT ON REPORT.

5. WE ALSO HAVE NO CONFIRMATION WHATSOEVER OF MOVEMENT OF 3,500 CUBANS TO PERU FOR ANY PURPOSE.

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